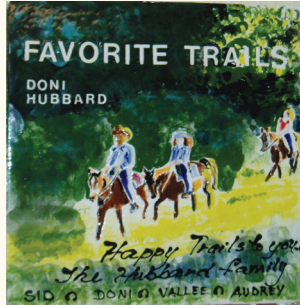


## COMMUNITY DONOR WALL IS YOUR FAMILY ON THE WALL?



If you haven't yet donated a tile, there is still plenty of time to create a tile for the Community Donor Wall. You are encouraged to do so by donating \$200 for a 4x4 tile or \$600 for an 8x8 size tile. Stop by Town Hall and pick up a form to complete to purchase the tile. Donations are tax deductible.



You may design the tile with your family name or create a lasting commemorative legacy image that will remain forever on the Donor Wall. If you need help to design the tile, we can refer you to an artist with which you can make special arrangements.

Over 200 tiles have been completed. Stop by and take a look at the wonderful history that is being created by the families of Los Altos Hills.

If you have already donated a tile for the Community Donor Wall but not completed it, please contact Duffy Price at 650-948-0596 to schedule to complete your tile.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT HIDDEN VILLA (...it's free!)

### SUNDAYS, JULY 13th & 20th and AUGUST 3rd & 17th

#### 5:30-7:30 PM

Come celebrate warm weather, long days, and superb live music as Hidden Villa teams up with the Town of Los Altos Hills to offer their 3rd Annual Summer Concert Series. Each concert will run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Hidden Villa's Dana Center, offering great tunes, dancing, opportunities to purchase Hidden Villa grown dinner for the family, and enjoy the farm's scenic location in the foothills. There will also be a special wine and cheese reception for all Los Altos Hills residents prior to each concert, beginning at 4:00.

Thanks to the generous support of The Town of Los Altos Hills (Gold Sponsor), The Kalish Team at Intero Real Estate, Los Altos Town Crier, and other local businesses, these concerts are FREE and open to all Los Altos Hills residents.

This year's musical line-up is by far Hidden Villa's best yet, ranging from bluegrass to classic rock. Touch-N-Go, a six-piece high energy band, will kick-off the series on Sunday, July 13th with their upbeat renditions of great oldies dance tunes. On July 20th, we'll be heating up the dance floor with Tito Garcia Y Su Orquesta Internacional, one of the Bay Area's hottest mambo bands. The Groove Kings, winner of 98.5 KFOX's "Best Cover Band of 2005" will perform your favorite classic rock and soul tunes on August 3rd. The concert series will wrap on August 17th with the "mind-blowing picking" and "spell-binding solos" of the nationally acclaimed Waybacks. This San Francisco-based group is known for its unique mix of bluegrass, gypsy jazz, and Celtic rock. The Waybacks are as uninhibited and unpredictable as the eclectic San Francisco Bay area that claims them, and for nearly a decade, their experiments have always proven sharp-witted and musically dazzling.



Due to the popularity of last year's Summer Concert Series, Hidden Villa is required to limit the number of tickets available for each concert. All tickets will remain FREE of charge; however, advance ticket registration will be required. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, June 16 at [www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php](http://www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php).

Please contact Marc Sidel at (650) 949-9704 for more information. Also, visit <http://www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php> for updated information about the event.

### Los Altos Hills

#### Pathways Run/Walk 2008 - Great Success!

The Los Altos Hills Pathways 2008 Run/Walk hit several new records. Over 475 registered runners and walkers from all over the Bay Area came out to explore our pathways and enjoy the run, easily shattering previous records for the number of race attendees. Some of the 1st place finishers for the 5K event included: **Dariya Smith, Michele Darilly, Mollie Rosing, Kelli Brogan, Angela Moore, Yoko Shilling, Carl Elson, Lennard Leonardo, Thomas Tuckshewd, Frank Prabel, Nick Butterfield.**

For the 10K event, 1st place runners included: **Grant Gustaofas, Scott Carter, Eric Ramberg, Herman Vanderhal, Jeff Loutit, Tori Tyler, Jill Rytand, Kristen Forster, Barbara Michael.**

All of the kids 18 and under went home with a finisher medal that included this year's run logo graphic, which was done by Ray Collins, local resident and LAH Planning Commissioner.

The run wouldn't have been possible without the volunteers from Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation Committee, Community Relations Committee, Pathways Committee and many other volunteers.

We hope to see residents and other community members out on the pathways this year and hope to see you all next year for the next Pathways Fun Run.



— Scott Vanderlip, Race Director

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### Glorious 4th Independence Day Celebration



Friday July 4th  
11AM - 2 PM  
Shoup Park,  
400 University Ave.,  
Food, music, entertainment.



## Los Altos Hills

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## CALENDAR

**June 15, Sunday;**  
Father's Day Concert  
5:30 - 7:30PM Hidden  
Villa . Info 949-8653;  
[www.hiddenvilla.org](http://www.hiddenvilla.org)

**June 20, 27 Fridays;**  
Outdoor Movies Nights.  
Movies begin at dusk.  
Info 949-5282; [www.Losaltos-downtown.org](http://www.Losaltos-downtown.org)

**June 21, 22, Sat. & Sun.;** Relay for Life.  
24hour event to benefit  
the American Cancer  
Society; Los Altos High  
School. [www.losaltos-relay.com](http://www.losaltos-relay.com)

**July 12, 13; Sat., Sun.;** Los Altos Art &  
Wine Festival, Main &  
State Sts.; 10AM - 6PM;  
949-5282

**Summer Recreation  
Camps available: La-  
crosse Camp:** 7/14-18  
@ Purissima Fields;  
**Mini-Hawk Camp** by  
Skyhawks: 7/21-25 @  
Pinewood Upper Cam-  
pus; **YRRP Summer  
Riding Camps:** 7/7-11,  
7/14-18, 7/21-25 @  
Westwind; **Barn Video  
Game Design II Camp:**  
7/7-11 @ Parks and  
Recreation Center;

**For more info visit  
the website at <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/recreation> or  
call 650-941-7222 x241**

## LAH New Garbage & Recycling Contract GREEN WASTE RECOVERY

Starting October 1st, 2008, the town of Los Altos Hills will have a new garbage and recycling provider. In an extensive search process, Green Waste Recovery was awarded the new eight-year contract. The award was based on Green Waste's ability to provide greater recycling at a lower cost to the residents. Green Waste is a privately owned company based in San Jose and currently provides similar services to the neighboring communities of Portola Valley and Woodside.



Some of the major changes will be all new collection vehicles, new containers and weekly yard trimmings and recycling pick-up along with garbage pick-up. Residents will be able to place out recycling and yard trimmings at the same location in which they place their garbage container. One of the main reasons Green Waste was chosen as Los Altos Hills' new provider was its recycling capability. Even though the state mandated recycling level is 50%, Green Waste's relationship with the Z-Best composting facility in Gilroy and its new state of the art recycling center in San Jose, the recycling goal for all of Los Altos Hills' material is 75%, which GreenWaste has already achieved in both Woodside and Portola Valley.

## Congratulations First Resident Graduates for the C.E.R.T. Program

On May 10th 2008 the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, Town of Los Altos Hills and the Santa Clara County Fire Department graduated 28 citizens in the first ever Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class held in Los Altos Hills. The class consisted of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, and Light Search & Rescue with a final in Disaster Simulations. This class was well received by the participants and because of these citizens attending the CERT class we now have a total of 48 CERT members for the Hills.



Residents in the unincorporated areas are invited to attend this class. The classes were all taught by a variety of very professional firefighters. The classes provide citizens an opportunity to become acquainted with our well trained (and friendly) firefighters. The recent earthquake in China stresses again the need to "be prepared" in case of an emergency. If you are interested in becoming CERT trained contact Mike Sanders, Emergency Services Coordinator, Santa Clara County Fire Department at 650-922-1055.



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The next 12 months will see the continuation of a public works agenda oriented toward parks and recreation improvements. A Townwide Survey conducted in February 2007 showed strong public interest in new parks and recreation facilities. Subsequent to the Survey, a studied review of the costs necessary to acquire and improve new parkland concluded that this approach to expansion was beyond the Town's available resources. However, the City Council determined that there were sufficient funds available to rehabilitate and better utilize existing Town park and recreation assets. The following is a status report of some of the planned park and recreation improvements to be completed over the next 12 months:



City Manager Carl Cahill

## Little League Fields

The Town's Little League Fields on Purissima Road are scheduled for a complete overhaul starting late this summer. Improvements are intended to create a more park-like setting with new landscaping, restrooms, a basketball half court between Fields 1 and 2, and a completely revamped and expanded parking area designed to be safer and more attractive. Irrigation, grading and drainage improvements are also planned. Staff is currently reviewing the 95% complete design documents. The target start date for construction is late July. Please see the enclosed artist rendering of the project.

## Pathways Improvements

The Town is expanding its off-road pathway network with a new pathway in the advanced design stage that will provide a scenic overland pedestrian route between Taaffe Road and Black Mountain Road. The third and final segment of the El Monte Road Pathway is nearing design completion. This pathway project will provide a connection from the entrance of Foothill College to Stonebrook Drive and the existing sidewalk on El Monte Avenue. As part of this project, additional native riparian landscaping is proposed along the newly constructed pathway at Foothill College that meanders along Adobe Creek. One other new pathway is also planned for the Old Altos Road triangle. This pathway segment connects Old Altos Road, Fremont Road and Burke Road.

— Carl Cahill, City Manager

## FUTURE TOWN PICNICS

Did you attend the June 1 Los Altos Hills Town Picnic? If so, please send any comments you might have about the picnic — both comments regarding what you enjoyed at the picnic and what you think could be improved for future picnics — to Town Hall at 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022 or fax 941-3160.

The Town Picnic is organized by volunteers on the Town's Community Relations Committee. The Committee is looking for additional members, particularly those who would like to help organize and/or chair future Town Picnics. If you are interested in helping organize future picnics by joining the Committee, please contact City Clerk Karen Jost at Town Hall (941-7222).

## IN MEMORIAM

## Los Altos Hills Town Historian Dies

Rosemary Royce Meyerott, born July 27, 1921 in Washington, D.C. to Bryce & Rose Royce passed away peacefully in her home May 13, 2008. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her for her exuberant love of life, people and animals. A fun loving spirit who flirted with life, Rosemary had eyes that sparked with warmth and compassion, a great sense of humor, and an eye for a good bargain.

ROSEMARY ROYCE MEYEROTT  
1921 - 2008

Rosemary moved to Los Altos Hills in 1956, when it was a patchwork of cow pastures and apricot orchards. She served as the Los Altos Hills Town Historian for almost 20 years, from 1976 to 1995, working as a volunteer filing, clipping, researching and interviewing to preserve the Los Altos Hills of the past. She was particularly interested in preserving the memory of rural living in the Hills. She loved country living and yearned to live on a farm despite growing up as city girl.

Rosemary is survived by her husband of 64 years, Dr Roland E. Meyerott, her six children-Jean Korus, Royce Meyerott, Gayle Royce-Nash, Susan Meyerott-Gibbons, Nancy Meyerott Corbett, Robert Meyerott; 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 8 granddogs, 6 grandbirds and 3 grandcats.

Undergrounding of Utilities  
Pilot Project Status Report

**Rule 20A** - Pilot Project(s): 1) Purissima Road Little League Fields; 2) Altamont Road Byrne Preserve.

The construction activities under contract with the Town are complete. Staff is in the process of obtaining final sign-offs from the utility companies. PG&E is installing their lines underground in preparation for the switch over. AT&T and Comcast will also need to install their lines in preparation for the switch over.

## Town Newsletter - Statement of Purpose

This is the official Town Newsletter to communicate current issues, services, and activities in Los Altos Hills to the residents of the Town and to facilitate, encourage and improve interaction between the residents and Town government. The 2008 Newsletter will be published quarterly in the months of March, June, September, and December. Deadline for the next issue is July 31, 2008.

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## PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On May 8, 2008, the City Council unanimously approved Phase III of the General Plan update. This approval marks the completion of the Los Altos Hills General Plan Update project that began in 2005. The General Plan is the Town's blueprint for the future. It provides policy direction for land use decisions regarding the conservation of resources and the development of the community. The General Plan also provides the legal foundation for zoning, site development and subdivision ordinances. The State mandates that the General Plan include seven elements:

Debbie Pedro,  
Planning Director

- Circulation
- Conservation
- Housing
- Land Use
- Noise
- Open Space
- Safety

In addition to the seven required elements, the Los Altos Hills General Plan includes the Pathways element. State law requires the Housing Element to be updated every five years, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recommends that the other elements be updated every eight to ten years. The Town's General Plan had not been comprehensively updated since 1975.

In July 2005, an ad hoc General Plan Committee was formed by the City Council. Headed by Councilmember Mike O'Malley, the six-member Committee took on the task of updating the most outdated elements of the General Plan. The project was divided into three phases and the review process involved multiple meetings with various Town committees, departments and agencies. In addition, six public hearings were held within the last twelve months to seek public comments and participation. The result is a current, internally consistent and easy to use General Plan document with improved format and graphics. The adopted documents can be found on the Town's website at [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov).



Have a Great Summer!

For Council Agenda and Minutes,  
See our Website:  
[www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov)

## Green Corner: Efficient Pools

Did you know Los Altos Hills uses more electricity per capita than all but 2 other towns served by PG&E? This is not something we should be proud of.

This can be partially blamed on all our pools. Roughly half our homes have pools, and those energy-hungry pumps & heaters can consume up to a third of a household's energy budget.

But what can be done, short of turning your pool into a skate park? It turns out there are many ways to make your pool more efficient while still keeping it warm and inviting. A few basic ideas:

- Make sure the pump is running as little as possible. Some pool cleaning services will set the pump to run 24 hours a day to make their cleaning job easier. Times will vary for each pool, but some pools get by with 6 hours per day in the summer and 2 hours per day during non-swimming winter months.
- Keep the filters clean. This improves circulation, allowing you to cut down pumping time.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation and nighttime heat loss. Solar covers also heat the water, and there are even chemical pool covers for those with odd-shaped pools.

- Consider solar thermal panels to heat the pool. These cost much less than solar PV systems and generally have a much shorter payback period.

For more details and other conservation ideas check out the resident-initiated web site <http://bluwiki.com/go/LAH> or contact our Environmental Initiatives Committee.

There's a lot we can do to reduce our energy consumption without reducing our quality of life.

## Los Altos Hills County Fire District

## New Mobile Data Computers to Aid Firefighters

Don't be surprised to see your local firefighters carrying laptops while fighting fires or providing medical assistance. The Los Altos Hills County Fire District and the Santa Clara County Fire Department have partnered in a beta test program to provide Mobile Data Computers in fire engines and chief officer vehicles. Firefighters will be using ruggedized tablet PCs that they can remove from the fire engine and use on scene.

The computers contain software for mapping, personnel accountability, pre-incident planning, fire inspections, and vehicle schematics for rescue. The maps are highly accurate and contain specialized information such as individual address numbers, hydrants, building footprints, key boxes, electrical shut-offs, gas shut-offs, etc. The computers are equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers, which will allow for automated routing to incidents.

Great News For Children and Families of  
The Hills!

This fall, Bullis-Purissima Elementary School is reopening with beautifully updated buildings and a revised name as well. To continue to honor Gardner Bullis, a man who was vitally important to the history of our Town (and prevent confusion with Bullis-Purissima Charter School) our school will return to its original name: Gardner Bullis Elementary.

We have a wonderful opportunity to make a permanent and positive contribution to the children of Gardner Bullis Elementary by donating new or gently used books to stock the empty school library. Whether your child will be attending this fall, your child attended in years past, or you simply want to be a positive part of returning public education to the Hills - we encourage and welcome your contribution to the Gardner Bullis school library.



Specifically, hardbound books appropriate for 5-12 year olds are needed. If you have no books to donate, but want to contribute, we welcome checks (written to Gardner Bullis PTA) and Jane Sanders, our librarian, will purchase the book(s) in your name. If you like, include your name with your new book or monetary contribution, and we will personalize a bookplate inside the cover of your donation. Books (or checks) can be dropped off in the front lobby of the Los Altos Hills Town Hall (26379 Fremont Road) on weekdays from 7:30am to noon, and 1 to 5pm. If we are fortunate to receive duplicate books, they'll be distributed to Gardner Bullis teachers for their classroom libraries.

Thank you for your consideration. With your help, we look forward to having the children return to full library shelves!

Erica Gilbert, Principal  
Jane Sanders, Librarian  
Michelle Galbraith and Susan Stark, PTA  
Shari Embling, Community Volunteer

**Note: Information for the Palo Alto Unified School District Residents:** There are still spaces available for PAUSD students to enroll at the Gardner Bullis Elementary School for the 2008/09 school year and beyond.

The seats can be secured on a first-come/first-served basis. The Inter-District Transfers (IDT) forms are available at the Central Attendance Office of PAUSD at 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto and at the LAH Town Hall or on the Town's website: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/bpschool/>

For questions regarding the IDT process, contact Margie Mitchell, PAUSD Central Attendance Supervisor at (650) 329-3761 or [mmitchell@pausd.org](mailto:mmitchell@pausd.org)

## Resident Submission

## How to Recover Property Held by the State

Escheat is a common law doctrine that operates to ensure that property is not left in limbo and ownerless. Such property can arise if a person dies without a will or if property such as dividends is returned to sender by the post office. I (and others who live in Los Altos Hills) have property held by the state which was never received because the sender determined my city name to be Los Altos from my zip code of 94022, and the Los Altos Post Office returned the property to the sender. The originator eventually turned the property over to the state through the process of escheatment. For this and other reasons many of us in Los Altos Hills may be unaware of such property to which we have a claim. In my case, I have had mail consisting of dividend checks and stock certificates of high value addressed to me in Los Altos that was returned to the originator by the Los Altos post office. I was able to both discover and recover this property via a simple procedure that many of you may find productive as well. Here's how:

1. Access the State of California unclaimed property search website by going to <http://scoweb.sco.ca.gov/UCP/>
2. Fill out the INDIVIDUAL OWNER SEARCH form indicating Los Altos for the city and click "Search"
3. Follow step 2 indicating Los Altos Hills for the city.

If you have unclaimed property it will be listed on a resulting page containing an ID Number. Clicking on the ID Number brings up details of the property including its value together with a step-by-step instruction for claiming the property. Try doing a search on your last name alone. You will get a listing of all unclaimed property held by the state for persons with this last name and thus may discover lost property of relatives or lost property identified with cities other than your current residence city. By way of example, even though I live in Los Altos Hills, I recently did a search on:

Last Name: Summit and City: Los Altos, that brought up with the following response:

**SUMMIT ROGER K., 13390 LENNOX WAY,  
LOS ALTOS CA, 940223543, 018138045**

Clicking on the ID Number at the end of the response brought up detail indicating the State holds \$145.44 in dividends from IMATION CORP that I have now claimed and received. Most states have databases of unclaimed property that can be found with a Google by entering: "unclaimed property [state name]" in the Google search box. Several states can be searched at once by going to: <http://www.missingmoney.com/>

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions - [rsummit@earthlink.net](mailto:rsummit@earthlink.net)

Also I'd be pleased to hear of any property you find.  
GOOD HUNTING!

— Roger Summit  
Lenox Way